

Post, Times Snubbed by White House

When President Nixon summoned 40 of the nation's top editors and broadcasters to his San Clemente, Cal.-long briefing on the Cambodian operation, he snubbed two of the biggest newspapers in the country, both with nationally syndicated wire services. Neither The New York Times nor The Washington Post was invited. A complete list was not available of those who were picked to attend the briefing today which included sessions with officials from the State and Defense departments, with the National Security Council staff and with the President.

But among those asked to attend were executives of the three television networks and the editors of The Washington Star, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Boston Globe and Philadelphia Bulletin.

An aide to Nixon's communications director, Herbert Klein — who issued the invitations — said he did not know why two of the nation's largest papers were excluded. Both have been critical of the President's Vietnam policy in frequent editorials.

"It could not be an ideological thing," the aide said, "because the Boston Globe was invited." The Globe also has criticized the administration's Vietnam policy and the Cambodian incursion.